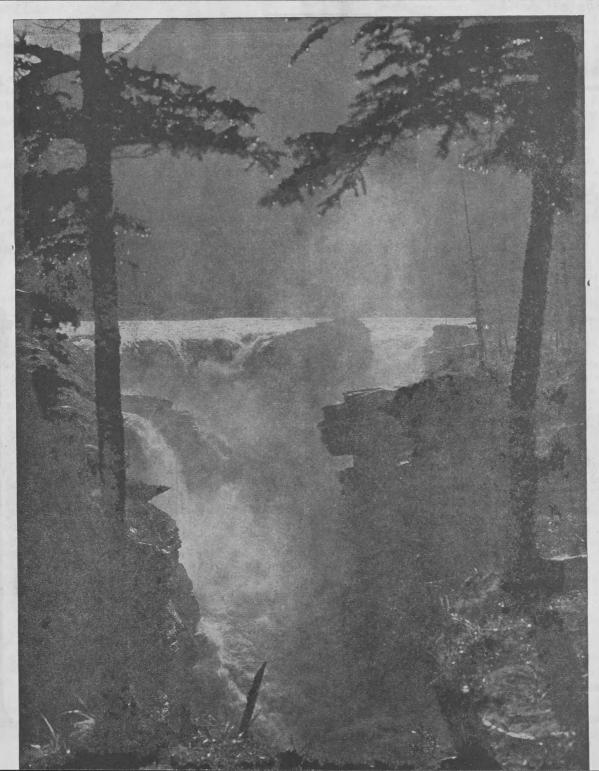
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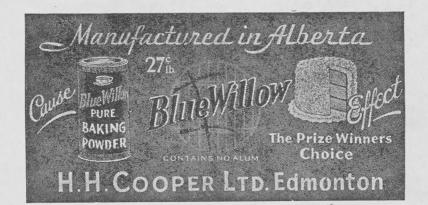
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A LETTER FROM MRS. BARFOOT

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Dear Friends,

I have been asked to write a letter, telling something of our interesting experiences.

Each morning we are as busy as girls at the opening of a new term at school, sorting through our booklets and invitations, finding our admission tickets, then determining on our best route by Underground or Bus. Finally—on the doorstep—should we, or should we not, take our umbrellas and rubbers—or the camera. The former has seemed the better choice!!

So much has been arranged for our entertainment that it might be better if it could be spread over six months, rather than six weeks. There are Conferences, Meetings, Morning Parties and little Parties in the afternoons, Receptions in the evenings. These are the occasions when we meet and chat with those from Round-the-World.

Following the official opening of Lambeth Conference, on Dominion Day, Mrs. Fisher, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, opened our Wives Club Room, set aside for the use of Overseas Womena place to read, write and to meet our friends. This was our first introduction to Mrs. Fisher, who was wearing the Canadian Woman's Auxiliary Gold Bar and Pin presented to her in Winnipeg a few years ago. It was at this meeting that Mrs. Fisher so sympathetically introduced Mrs. Temple, who, originally, had planned many of the events in which we are now participating and enjoying. One of my most delightful experiences has been to know these two women, both charming and talented and well versed in the work of the Church. I have been so empressed by their capabilities that I have often thought that if the Bishops have come up against any knotty problems either of these women could go and quickly unravel the difficulties, and find a solution. Personally, I am afraid that sometime I shall spontaneously burst out and, unofficially, invite them to visit Edmonton first and then tour Canada later. What a grand climax that would be to the women's work in the A.A.A.I

The next gathering of Wives was at an Overseas Visitors' Conference, held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon—an estate 20 miles north of London—given over entirely to conferences every week in the year, except Christmas week, and usually conferences are booked a year in advance. The programme was "The Church in the Modern Field—Our Contribution as Women." At one session Miss Mary Field, M.A. (London) spoke on Evangelism.

She is a Director in the J. Arthur Rank organization, and a Director of Gaumont-British Institutional Ltd., and at present in charge of the production of children's entertainment films. It was at this Conference that the Wives became so interested in the speeches and discussions, and with Mrs. Fisher's knack of making each one of us feel a V.I.P. (very important person) that I am certain we lost sight of the fact—for at least three days—that it was our husbands who were attending Lambeth Conference, and that they were the Major Notes. We understand that the Bishops cannot talk about what takes place in their meetings, but we can and we do, and we shall continue to do so.

Wives of four Archbishops of different continents (North America is represented by Mrs. Carrington of Quebec) have been invited to go to Germany, guests of the British Government. From their first hand observations, we shall read their accounts in our Church and daily papers.

Mrs. Fisher arranged for a discussion on "Duties of the Wives in their Respective Dioceses." Both she and Mrs. Temple had much to contribute from their own experiences. Since we are allowed to talk, I can say that I felt much emphasis was placed on the importance of Being Kind to Clergy Wives. So, you see, we too are receiving instructions, as well as being entertained.

Tomorrow is the Mothers Union Pilgrimage to Canterbury, and I am asking Mrs. Gutteridge to join me on that occasion. Then you will have a treat in store—a report from Mrs. Gutteridge in her own inimitable style on the Pilgrimage to Canterbury.

It would be another treat if I could secure for you to read a copy of Lord Montgomery's (Monty's) address to the Mothers' Union.

Photographs have been taken of the Canadian Wives who attended the World Conference, and you will be interested to know that in the group we included Mrs. Tsen, Honan, China, and Mrs. Abraham, Newfoundland. (I call Mrs. Abraham our Lone Member).

I feel privileged to be included in the group entertained at a Morning party by Lord and Lady Lucan—the parents of Lady Alexander of Ottawa. Whenever we express our gratitude to the hostesses for their hospitality, they ask us not to feel that these gatherings are held entirely for us, but they are their coming-out parties after the war. They enjoy meeting with their own English friends whom they have asked to meet us.

Unless English women have travelled, they find it hard to grasp that the wives from the other continents have to travel many days and nights in order to meet each other, and to meet centrally for Annual Meetings. In Great Britain all wives can meet centrally within a few hours' time. They now realize why some wives could not have met one another until we came to England.

Mrs. Kingston, our Primate's wife, has endeared herself to all of us, and has conveyed her Greetings from the President and members of our Canadian branches of the Mothers' Union to the Annual Meeting in session this week. I shall have reports to bring home from their "Annals."

Mrs. Carrington (Quebec) has had an audience with Princess Elizabeth, and has presented her with the Girls' Auxiliary Book on Canadian Art. Next week Mrs. Carrington is to present to Princess Alice, for use in the Highway Clubs, the Victory Project Gift of books, pictures and cheque.

In Canada, our Bishops' clothing follows a very definite pattern. It would take an expert Men's Stylist to do justice to the variety of clothing here. Out of Lambeth Conference will undoubtedly come new styles, tones and colours. The Eastern Patriachs have attracted everyone's attention and I shall show you some photographs of them.

My eyes have been so dazzled by the Gold Plates at Goldsmith's Hall, and again by the Gold Cups and Covers at the Mansion House, that I know you couldn't expect me to cover either of these two Receptions. The first was held prior to the great service at St. Paul's Cathedral (S.P.C.K. Service) and the latter at the Lord Mayor's and Lady Mayoress's Reception.

This afternoon the Queen was presented with the Silver Wedding Gifts, and a cheque from the Mothers' Union. This presentation has been especially delayed for the attendance from all over the world of the members of the Mothers' Union and the Overseas Wives. I couldn't help but notice, as I approached Central Hall, how the streets were lined with people (90% of them men) just to catch a glimpse of our Queen! ! I do hope you heard her on the wireless. As usual, she was Magnificent, Perfect.

A very young Canadian soldier was thanked by an English woman for coming to fight for King and Country. He replied—"Not exactly, you see—the Queen smiled at me when she was in Canada!" And so with us—"the Queen smiled on us" (2,000 of us) this afternoon, and it is inevitable that, when we leave for Round-the-World and Home again, we shall carry with us, the endeavour to carry out, the thoughts and ideals expressed by our Queen.

If I write any more this will be censored before it leaves England and again by our Editor, so if you will allow me, I shall have more intimate stories to relate on my return.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) LORENA BARFOOT.

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The Editor's Columns

THE SUMMER CAMPS

The season of summer camps at Kapasiwin is now over, and once again our Dioceson holiday centre at Lake Wabamun has proved of inestimable value in our youth work. Attendances, with one exception, have proved most encouraging, and more than justify an enthusiastic programme of improvement and development of our Kapasiwin site and buildings.

The one exception was the re-vamped Leadership Training Camp, which, for a number of reasons, failed to attract enough people to warrant its being held, and so was cancelled at the last moment. Attendances at Summer Schools at Kapasiwin of recent years have fallen off, and one reason may well be that many of the younger prospective leaders are able to take advantage of attractive opportunities of summer work at good wages. Others who are working, and who might be expected to attend a Leadership Training Camp are in a position to afford a holiday elsewhere, perhaps at some seaside or mountain resort. There are doubtless numerous other reasons for our failure to interest enough people in the Leadership

Camp, but the ones mentioned are, we believe, the strongest.

Perhaps the most realistic approach to the organization of a Leadership Training Conference with a good attendance would be to hold it in Edmonton in the fall or early winter. Out-of-town delegates would find it more convenient, and possible leaders within the city would be more likely to attend a Conference held at some time other than the summer holiday months. Use could be made of local churches and halls, and a much larger group would be available. Given the support of the Diocesan Clergy such a Leadership Training Course should be successful from the standpoint of numbers, and, if properly staffed, most helpful and inspirational.

For those who might be interested in combining a holiday and a Conference or Summer School we would like to see some experiment made to organize such a gathering at Jasper during the month of July. Jasper belongs to our Diocese and ideally situated for such a Conference-Holiday. Its mannificent, awe-inspiring mountains and lakes would provide a setting that would go far to ensure the success of any such gathering. We believe it would attract a great many. Exactly what facilities there are there for a Diocesan Camp remains to be explored but the beautiful Church of St. Mary and St. George and the old log Church now used as a Parish Hall would be invaluable as a centre.

A summer Conference at Jasper might fill a real need and should not prove too difficult to organize providing a few clergy and laity were enthusiastic enough about its possibilities. It only takes a few enthusiasts to make such a venture an overwhelming success. Here is a real challenge to anyone ready to make this worthwhile contribution to our Dioceson life. We commend the suggestion—not a new one by any means—to our D.B.R.E., our Deanery Chapters, and other interested groups.

A word of congrautlation and thanks should be extended at this time to our Diocesan Board of Religious Education, and the various Camp Leaders who have made the July and August camps so worth-while. This is a great contribution for which the Diocese is deeply grateful, and concerning which you may be justly proud.

OUR MOST PRESSING NEED

September will see the re-commencement of most of our Church organizations. Congregations and Sunday School children will be back in their regular places, and the many Church activities will soon be running at full speed. The two holiday months give us all a breathing space and a better perspective, and enable us to start out once again with renewed effort and rekindled zeal.

A visitor to the city of Edmonton could not fail to be impressed by the tremendous building activity in evidence in every part of the city. In less than a decade Edmonton has grown by one third, and is steadily pushing its streets and avenues further and further afield.

A visitor to the city who happened to be interested in Church buildings would also be impressed by the obvious inadequacy of our Church plants almost everywhere. There is hardly a parish which is not face to face with the crying need for the expansion of existing facilities. We need better Churches and better halls, and we need them now if we are to play our proper part in the religious life of the community, and minister to those who find their spiritual home in our Anglican Church

Most Church people know very little about the other Churches of the city. We would like to suggest to any of our people who are interested enough, and who are able to do so, that they drive across the city, north, south, east and west, and acquaint themselves with the needs of the different parishes. To many it would prove a revelation.

New and beautifully equipped schools are being erected costing millions of dollars. Bright and attractive business establishments are being built costing tens of millions. But the good old Church carries on with much the same buildings and equipment it has always had for a population half the present size. At a time when Governments are spending millions on youth training, with the best of equipment and trained and well-paid personnel, we are trying to get by with practically no money, poor equipment, and voluntary, but, thank God, devoted helpers.

This is surely the time to "launch out into the deep" in an act of faith and confidence. Our present needs call especially for Laymen and women of vision, vitality, courage and faith in every parish who believe in the Church's mission, and are willing to work towards its fulfilment. The multifarious activities of a Church nowadays make great demands upon a parish priest and his helpers. There is so much that needs to be done, and often so few to do it. They are asked to compete on hopelessly unequal terms and with the poorest equipment against other groups and interests. The time has surely come when we must realize that some things which we pretend we cannot afford are so essential that we cannot afford to be without them. Our people have usually responded well to every worthy appeal, and they will continue to respond generously when genuine needs are brought to their notice. It should not be left to a few to struggle along bearing all the responsibility.

Some parishes will be in a position to help themselves. Some will need assistance. Almost all are faced with a most pressing building programme which needs to be faced immediately with faith and courage.

THE LAMBETH ENCYCLICAL

EDITOR'S NOTE

A copy of the Lambeth Encyclical came to hand just as we were about to go to press. As a result, this issue was somewhat delayed in order that the report might be printed in the September issue rather than wait for another month to go by. We hope it will be read carefully by every interested member of the Church.

TO THE FAITHFUL IN JESUS CHRIST

We, Archbishops and Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church, 329 in number, assembled from all parts of the earth at Lambeth, in the year of our Lord 1948, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom, as with one another, we are in full communion, give you greeting in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Meeting again in Conference after a long interval of eighteen years, and after the grievous separations of war, we declare our thankfulness to Almighty God for the profound and joyful experience, in this meeting, of our unity in the faith of Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Many of you, in distant parts and near to us, have been upholding us in your prayers. We ask you to share our thanksgiving that God has knit us together in heart and mind, and to expect that, by our interchange of friendship and counsel, all the Churches and congregations, which we represent, will receive strength and encouragement.

Mindful of the sacred commission which we bear in the Ministry given by our Lord through His apostles to the Church, we have devoted ourselves for five weeks, with earnest prayer and eucharist, to grave deliberations. In the second portion of this Letter we review the course of our discussions. In this first part we address a message to all our people, and indeed to all who will listen to us, asking that it may be read in every place of worship in the Anglican Communion, to each congregation in its own language, on Sunday, October 10, or, if there be any place which it has not reached by then, on the first possible Sunday thereafter.

I.

The Church is not something made by men. It is the instrument of the living God for the setting-forward of His reign on earth. God in Christ has won the victory. The Church lives in the power of the Resurrection. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against it. This is an hour of testing and peril for the Church, no less than for the world. But it is the hour of God's call to the Church. Thus the keynote of our message is encouragement to the people of God all the world over. For those who have eyes to see, there are signs that the tide of faith is beginning to come in.

We know well how hard it is for many of you to live as Christians in this present age. Some of you have to meet opposition in non-Christian homes; some are a small minority of Christians in non-Christian lands. Many of you are trying to bear your witness in face of contempt and ridicule in the places where you work day by day. All at times are tempted to lose heart and to wonder whether, under such conditions Christian living is possible, or whether, if possible, it is worth while. We are certain that it is possible, and worth everything, and we write this letter to tell you why.

Remember that some of the first believers were slaves owned by non-Christian masters. Many suffered persecution for Christ's sake. It was often hard for those who were in Christ before us. Because they were faithful in their generations, the light still shines in the House of God, and the torch of faith has been carried across the earth. Many of the younger Churche's of our Communion, during the last hundred years, have been born in martyrdom, and in our own day this witness unto death has been renewed. The Christian life is always difficult. The fight against evil is always costly. Without the Cross there could have been no Resurrection. But the Resurrection is the guarantee that the love of God is stronger than death or evil.

Whatever man may do, God is undefeated. God reigns. The world belongs to Him ,and in it He is working out that purpose which he has revealed to us in Jesus Christ. He uses imperfect and sinful men to be its servants. Christians may not always be better than their neighbors, but we serve a better Master. His is the cause that has life and hope in it.

"Life and Hope Offered to World"

This life and hope are offered to the world. Only when the sovereignty of Christ is owned in our communities can they become what God wills them to be. Societies that are build on other foundations are built on sand. In the world of our time two ways of living, two beliefs concerning the meaning of human life, contend with one another for man's soul. The battle is between that faith in God and man through Christ, by which man is set free, and (against it) the creeds of materialism and the will to power, by which he is enslaved. The Church is the champion of man against all that cheapens and degrades him; for the Gospel is the charter of man's dignity. The mission of the Church, now as always, is to proclaim and live out the Gospel by which alone men can be saved from sin and judgment, and the world from despair and self-destruction.

The social order is all the time being made by the thoughts men think, the loyalties they honor, and the deeds they do or leave undone. If the Church is to be to the world as salt, which preserves civilization from corruption and keeps wholesome, there must be something distinctive about us Christians-in the way we do our daily work, in the homes we make, and in the standards by which we live. We must take our full part as citizens. Yet, in so doing, we must not forget that we are citizens of a heavenly Kingdom and inheritors of an eternal destiny. While we seek to serve our earthly cities, our allegiance always is to Christ the King; and to hold by that is our highest contribution to the good of those among whom we dwell. For freedom and justice in the world depend on there being enough men and women who say, "We must obey God rather than men."

What is wrong with the world is that it has forsaken or never known the true God and is defying His moral law. We long for peace, but there can be no peace which is not founded on justice, and there can be no justice unless men acknowledge the authority of God. Science is putting into the hands of men new and incalculable power. But this power is turned to disaster and destruction when men forget that it is given by God, to be used for the fulfill-

ment of His purpose. Once we ignore the first and great commandment, we do not long obey the second and sooner or later ruin follows. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Man must worship. Only by so doing can he preserve his true nature and standing as a child of God. The ancient word still speaks to all of us: "Take heed that ye forget not the Lord your God."

Thus the supreme task of the Church today is to win the nations of Christendom back to the knowledge of God revealed in Jesus Christ as Judge and Saviour, and to take the good news to those who have not yet heard it. We call on all our people to engage in this campaign and to put themselves into training for it. Every man, woman and child has his part to take. God, in His mercy, has given to us in our Conference a clearer vision of His will and purpose for His Church and of its mission in the world. To these we bid you dedicate yourselves.

MEN NEEDED FOR MINISTRY

That dedication is already being made by faithful Christians of every race, and not least in the devoted service offered by their clergy. But far more priests are needed, and if the supply of men called and equipped for the ministry is lacking, all Christian strategy must, humanly speaking, fail. With them are needed men and women for many other forms of whole-time service, and therefore a revived sense of vocation throughout the length and breadth of the Church. There is no place in the Church for those who will not try to honor the obligations of their membership. We thankfully recognize how many do so honor them, how great is the zeal of many of our younger people, and how much is owed to the witness of faithful congregations and bearers. But all must take their full share.

We must show that we put God first by regular worship on the Lord's Day. We must put our minds to the understanding of our religion, so that we may meet men's doubts and questions with a reasoned faith. We must bring the teaching and example of Christ into our everyday lives. We must do our duty in paying for the Church's work. The Church in the diocese and parish is the key to the whole situation. The local congregation is the place where men must find the life of the Great

Church, which is God's instrument for the world's salvation. See to it, then, that your congregation is a true community in Christ, that it may influence the common life of its whole neighborhood. Nothing that is good in the sight of God should be outside the Church's interest.

And since Christ's cause in the world can never be fully served by a divided Church, we also lay upon you the duty to take every opportunity of co-operating with Christians of other churches, and to work and pray for the reunion of Christendom.

Finally, we invite all men and women to join with us under Christ's banner in the war against the evils which wreck man's life and agains the false creeds which debase it. In that war there can be no neutrality. To those who stand aloof Christ says, 'He that is not with me is against me.''

So we commend you to God's love. May He supply all your need, according to the riches of His grace.

II

We now pass to a review of our work which may be further studied in the resolutions adopted by the Conference and in the reports upon which they are based. We considered some of the problems which confront man in the world and in the Church. At every point the guide to their solution is to be found not in man but in God; not only in God's power but in His purpose; not only in that purpose but in the love by which He calls men to share it; not merely in the idea of love but in love as shown in history, in the life, the acts, and the words of Christ, the Son of God; and not only in that life and in those acts as seen in Palestine nineteen hundred years ago, but in the living presence of Christ dwelling with man through the Holy Spirit in the Church. God loved and still loves us. This is our message to the world, and the source of our joy and confidence.

GOD IN HIS WORLD

Our first subject was the Doctrine of Man.

There are many who would say that man's nature and aims can be stated in terms of a purely evolutionary view; man is a creature of this world only; and therefore an increased knowledge of his environment and a greater control of its resources will ensure, gradually but certainly, the perfection both

of his own character and of the society of which he is a member.

We welcome the great expansion of man's understanding of himself and of the world. But knowledge, though meant to be the instrument of man's progress, may be used by him for self-destruction. His greatest inventions may be turned to his ruin unless he learns to discipline his own nature and to use his powers as God means them to be used.

There are also many who identify man's happiness and welfare with his material possessions. Scientific knowledge has greatly raised the standard of life and comfort in many parts of the world. But elsewhere there is poverty and destitution. One of the gravest of modern problems is to secure that there shall be enough of the necessities of life for all. Yet even if this were done, it would still remain true that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

To possess much and to strive to possess more has been the cause of great evils and will continue to breed envy, hatred, and strife under any economic system. Because man is made in the image of God and has within his nature that which comes from God, he can never be content with material possessions, however abundant they may be.

Another answer to the question, "What is the nature and destiny of man?" is to be found in the claim that he should give himself entirely in obedience and service to the nation or group of which he is a member. Christians must reject this claim. Society exists to serve the needs of its members, not to enslave and possess them wholly; and when a society treats its members merely as means toward the securing of its ends, it becomes a destroyer of men's souls.

Mankind has only recently escaped conquest by totalitarian states which deified their own power. It now finds itself threatened by the new menace of Marxian communism which exalts atheism, puts supreme confidence in material progress, and proclaims its gospel with a militant enthusiasm which expects to conquer the world.

COMMUNISM A JUDGMENT ON CHURCH

Christians must repudiate this form of communism and must condemn the cruelties, injustice and lying propaganda which are inherent in it. But they cannot ignore certain lessons which are to be learnt from the unquestionable fact that communism has awakened a disciplined response in the minds of many, both in the West and in the East, who do not necessarily share its atheism or its doctrine of man. To them communism appears as a protest against social injustice. It seems to them to have inherited a concern for the depressed and downtrodden which is-wherever it is true to its vocationa glory of the Church. In a very real sense there is here a judgment on Church and on society.

We do not suggest that communism is the only influence in our political and economic world against which the Christian conscience must take its stand. There are other forms of economic domination, characteristic of our Western society, which show something of the same ruthlessness, and, whatever their outward profession, do not in their practice exhibit any clearer recognition of moral law. Against all these forms of secularism the Church must proclaim that man is a being created by God and is under His sovereignty, and that, apart from God, he can neither master his nature nor find his true self.

This is God's world and man's appointed training ground for eternity. Christ alone can deliver man from the conflict in his own nature, lift him from the bondage of evil, and set his feet upon the way which leads to true freedom in God.

God his given man responsibility. To exercise it he must have freedom. The Christian Church therefore demands essential human rights for all, irrespective of race or color. There are unhappily countries in the world today where such rights are denied. We are grateful for the work which is being done by the Commission of the United Nations on Human Rights. We pledge ourselves to work for the removal of injustice and oppression, and, in particular, to stand by those whose right to religious liberty is threatened.

But the Church must not insist only on rights, For rights imply duties, and duties today are often forgotten in the assertion of rights. To insist only on rights turns them to wrongs unless the insistence is matched with the faithful discharge of the duties which men owe—to God by uprightness of life, to

society by honest work, and to each other by bearing one another's burdens.

"Christians Must Hate War"

Security and peace have still to be won in the face of national selfishness and the menace of war. The peace of the world is threatened by suspicion, fear, and hatred. New and terrible weapons of destruction have been forged which may bring ruin upon the earth. For Christians even the destruction of civilization can never appear as the greatest of evils, since men are the heirs of an eternal world, and nothing, not even the atomic bomb, can separate them from the love of God. But Christians must hate war and everything that makes for it as utterly incompatible with the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. God's law reguires the nations, severally and jointly, to condemn both the claim of a nation to unrestricted sovereignty and the doctrine that power is its own justification.

We call upon all nations collectively to control the manufacture and use of atomic power and to pledge themselves never to use it for the purposes of war. We call upon the nations also, even at the price of limiting their own sovereignty, to work together to remove the causes of war and to promote human culture and welfare. We trust therefore that the Christian Churches will give strong support to United Nations, so that it may become a more effective organ of world cooperation. It will fail, however, unless it is upheld by the conviction that nations, as well as individuals, are all members of the one family, under the one God and Father

Within each nation the Church is being increasingly affected by the tendency of the State to take under its control educational and welfare work, which, until recently, was regarded as the special field of Christian activity. The Church should welcome the growing concern of the State for human welfare, and Christians should co-operate in this work wherever they can. By so doing they can contribute the specific qualities of the Christian spirit. None the less there are great dangers where the State is unsympathetic or hostile, and there must be constant endeavor to resist encroachments by the State which endanger human personality. Especially is this true in the field of education. We record our deep appreciation of all those teachers, who, in the face of great difficulties, are showing that education is not merely a means of earning a living nor merely a school for citizenship but a liberation into the world of the Spirit and a training of human souls in the knowledge and service of God.

We have called special attention to the work of education. But this is only one aspect of an ever-widening sphere of social responsibility, alike in voluntary and State services, in which Christians have their distinctive contribution to make. There is no need more urgent than to recruit and train the right men and women for these tasks. In countless ways, in education, in social service, in hospitals, as well as in other forms of public work, Christians are called to be messengers of the truth and love of God; and it is in His service and the service of society, rather than as a mere means to a livelihood, that every man's daily work should be done.

God in His Church

The Anglican Communion, as part of the Holy Catholic Church, exists to proclaim the everlasting Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the world and to be an instrument in the hand of God for the fulfilment of His purpose. Deep divisions have long existed within the Church itself, based in the main on divergent interpretations of its faith and order; but, in spite of our divisions, we still know that it is the will of Christ that we should seek to overcome our separations and find again our true unity in Him.

At every Lambeth Conference this question of unity comes before us; and, at our gathering this year, a great part of our time and thought has been devoted to this subject. We have been made conscious yet again of the hindrance to Christ's cause which springs from the fact that it is a divided Church which ministers to a divided world. We have heard with great thankfulness that in many parts of the world separated Churches are making new ventures towards unity.

Our chief concern has been with the Church of South India in which, for the first time since the great division of Christendom at the Reformation, an act of union has taken place in which episcopal and non-episcopal traditions have been united. By that act four dioceses of the Church of India, Burma and Cey-

lon, speeded by the consent and prayers of that Church, and encouraged by the advice of the last Lambeth Conference, have joined with former Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists in a more comprhensive expression of the Universal Church.

The Conference gives thanks to God for the measure of unity thus locally achieved. At the same time it records that some features of the Constitution of the Church of South India give rise to uncertainty or grave misgivings in the minds of many and hopes that such action may be taken as to lead to the day when the present measure of mutual recognition and intercommunion may become full communion between the Church of South India and the Churches of the Anglican Communion. We have pledged ourselves to do all in our power, by consultation, work, and prayer to bring about that end.

South India Union a Puzzle

On one particular question, the status of bishops and clergy, consecrated and ordained at or since the inauguration of the union, in the Church of South India, there is a divergence of opinion. A majority recognizes their status fully. A substantial minority feels bound to suspend judgment. No one of us desires to condemn outright or to declare invalid their ministry. No one of us wishes to limit the freedom of either the majority or the minority to act according to its own judgment. It has been a test of sincerity and charity to reach our conclusions. But it is only by costly effort that the unity of the Body of Christ can be restored.

There are movements toward union in other parts of the mission field, affecting the younger Churches. But the movement is no less strong in the English-speaking countries themselves. We feel more and more keenly the rift between the different parts of the Anglican Communion and the Protestant Churches; and we have a great desire to find a way forward to closer unity with them. In the United States, in Canada, in Australia, in the British Isles, there are projects and schemes of various kinds, some for organic union, some for a mutually recognized ministry. In our report we mention certain guiding principles which should be borne in mind in all approaches to reunion. We bid Godspeed to all those

who are doing their utmost in different ways to set forward this work.

We also keep in mind our strong desire for a closer fellowship of Episcopal Churches. With some we are already in partial communion. Full intercommunion has been achieved with the Old Catholics since the last Conference upon terms which should provide a model for such agreements. Each Communion recognizes the catholicity and independence of the other and maintains its own, and while each believes the other to hold all the essentials of the Christian Faith, neither requires from the other the acceptance of all doctrinal opinion, or liturgical practice, characteristic of it.

Here we desire to set before our people a view of what, if it be the will of God, may come to pass. As Anglicans we believe that God has entrusted to us in our Communion not only the Catholic faith, but a special service to render to the whole Church. Reunion of any part of our Communion with other denominations in its own area must make the resulting Church no longer simply Anglican, but something more comprehensive. There would be, in every country where there now exist the Anglican Church and others separated from it, a united Church, Catholic and Evangelical, but no longer in the limiting sense of the word Anglican. The Anglican Communion would be merged in a much larger Communion of National or Regional Churches, in full communion with one another, united in all the terms of what is known as the Lambeth Ouadrilateral.

"Vision Far From Attainment"

It is well to keep this vision before us; but we are still far from its attainment, and until this larger Communion begins to take firmer shape, it would be only a weakening of the present strength and service of the Anglican Communion if parts of it were severed from it prematurely. If we were slow to advance the larger cause, it would be a betrayal of what we believe to be our special calling. It would be equally a, betrayal of our trust before God if the Anglican Communion were to allow itself to be dispersed before its particular work was done.

In our resolutions, we recommend that, in further schemes for reunion, care should be taken to see that they do not, unless for a brief time, put any member of our family of Churches out of communion with it and that they are not put into force unless after consultation with the rest of our family. That is a right and wise precaution. Yet we look to, and work for, the larger family, and we are thankful that in so many parts of the world other Churches are joined with us in working for it.

The Oecumenical Movement is one of the principal facts in the Christian life of our times. We cordially welcome the formation of the World Council of Churches as marking a notable stage in that movement, and we bid our people to pray that in and after its first Assembly which follows quickly after our Conference, God will guide and direct all its operations.

Meanwhile, it is our duty to make the life and witness of our own Communion strong and effective for its own work. To that end we are bound to preserve our unity in the tradition which we have received. Owing to the number and variety of the national Churches, provinces, and missionary dioceses within our fellowship, and the great distances which separate them from one another, problems arise which call for the application of a wise and sympathetic strategy. Our organized life will rightly be influenced by local color and national culture, and will, in consequence, develop varied characteristics. But within this diversity, it is essential to maintain such a unity of faith and order as will preserve its unity of purpose and spirit.

We find the authoritative expression of that faith and order in the Book of Common Prayer, together with the ordinal. This book is the heritage of the whole Communion, and, while revisions of it are made to suit the needs of different Churches, it provides our accepted pattern of liturgical order, worship, and doctrine which is to be everywhere maintained. We hope that, throughout the Anglican Communion, suitable steps will be taken in 1949 to celebrate the growth of the English Book of Common Prayer which had its beginning in the first English Prayer Book of 1549. Such celebrations will help to call to mind, and emphasize, the important position within the fellowship which the Book of Common Prayer has always held, and the formative and unifying influence which it has exercised.

Central College for Clergy Asked

Among other proposals for increasing means of common consultation and action between the various parts of our Communion, two deserve special mention. The Conference desires the establishment, at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, of a Central College, under a Council representative of the whole Anglican Communion, to which priests and others from every part of our fellowship may come to study together and to learn from one another in an atmosphere of scholarship and common life.

Another proposal which has been approved is that of a Congress, to be held between Lambeth Conferences, elsewhere than in the British Isles, and to be attended by representative leaders, clerical and lay from all parts of the Anglican Communion.

The Church discharges its mission to the world through the devotion and work of its members. Its greatest need is for an increase in number of men and women who will devote their lives to its service. We believe that Christ is calling many who are not aware of His call. From many lands the appeal is made for teachers in schools and colleges, for scholars to help in the training of clergy and catechists, for doctors and nurses. Nor does this exhaust the list. There is need for experts in agriculture, crafts, and domestic science, and in many of the welfare services.

It is a call to young men and women who desire to do constructive work for Christ and for his people, and are ready for His sake to face difficulties and make sacrifices. Especially is there need for a great increase in the ordained ministry of the Church, to make good deficiencies which have accumulated before and during the war and to equip the Church to go forward. From every part of the Church comes the conviction that great opportunities can be taken, if the Church's ministry is strengthened by the coming into the ranks of the clergy of an increasing number of young men who hear the call of Christ and are willing to give all to obey it.

But the Church can only fulfill its mission to mankind if every member of it is a faithful, disciplined and instructed servant of Christ. Again and again, in our resolutions and reports, we recall our people to the obligations to which they are committed by their faith. Christ needs their service and witness in their everyday lives—in their homes, in work and industry, in all the activities of the community. One whole report is devoted to Christian teaching about marriage and to the witness which Christian people must give to it. While we should not forget that faithful and happy marriages still far outnumber those that fail, yet the prevalence of divorce and the easy acceptance of it gravely threaten the stability of individual home and family life and cause great suffering to innocent children thus deprived of the security of home.

Divorce Still a Problem

We believe that there is, especially among younger people, the beginning of a revolt against the degrading of marriage and a desire for homes made stable by the vows of obligation and the bond of children. The Church owes it to those engaged to be married to help them to prepare for it. When there has been divorce and remarriage, the Church must keep those concerned within its pastoral care and love, recognizing with sympathy and understanding the suffering and distress which have been inflicted upon many of them and desiring for the sinful penitence.

The Church will not marry anyone who has been previously married save where no marriage bond as recognized by the Church still exists. It bids its members to uphold faithfully the lifelong obligation of the marriage vow and to give no occasion for sin. But it cannot exclude from the love of Christ, nor does it exclude from its own fellowship, those who have come through bitter experience and look for help. About this matter there is special urgency. But in every sphere of human life there is an insistent call to every Christian at this time to bear clear witness to the character of Christ and the principles of conduct which He enjoins.

For this witness there is needed the grace of Christ, which He promises to those who are of the household of faith. One report emphasizes the importance of the careful administration of baptism and confirmation, whereby God gives entrance to that household. Another dwells on the essential place of

private prayer and public worship. Another suggests a rule of life which every faithful Christian should observe. Through all these means, God in His love reaches us in the fellowship of His Church, to maintain in us the new life which is from above. He meets each in his or her own field of opportunity, service, and need: He unites us in the common bond of one faith, one worship, one Lord.

Finally, we would say a special word of recognition and encouragement to our clergy. In all parts of the world you have shepherded your flocks, strengthened their courage, and consoled them in their sorrows, through some of the hardest trials mankind has ever known. On you, and on your people, we bid God's blessing.

Let the Church and all its members take fresh heart and hope. "In all things we are more than conquerors."

Signed on behalf of the Conference, GEOFFREY CANTUAR,

MERVYN WINTON, Secretary,
STANLEY ELEY,
Assistant Secretary.

THE BIBLE: WHERE IT STANDS

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Empires Rise and Fall and Are Forgotten—There it stands!

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—There it stands!

Despised and Torn to Pieces—There it stands!

Storms of Hate and Malice Swirl About It—There it stands!

Atheists Rant Against It—There it stands!

Agnostics Smile Cynically—There it stands!

Profane, Prayerless Punsters Caricature It—There it stands!

An Anvil That Has Broken a Million Hammers—There it stands!

The Flames Are Kindled About It— There it stands!

The Arrows of Hate Are Discharged Against It—There it stands!

The Christian who has excluded all wonder from the Gospel has ceased to be religious.—Walter Lowrie.

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DIOCESAN NEWS



The Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot are present as delegates of the Church of England in Canada at the meeting to organize the World Council of Churches now being held in Amsterdam. They will pay a short visit to Jersey and will sail for New York on the Queen Mary on September 8th and are expected in Edmonton shortly after September 20th.

The Diocese was glad to welcome the Reverend A. J. Thomson of Taber and the Reverend Charles Brown of Drumheller who conducted services during the holiday period at Holy Trinity, St. John's and St. Paul's.

Mr. David Welander, B.D. London University has completed four months of summer duty in the parishes of Marwayne, Clandonald, Landonville, Irwinville, Kitscoty and Blackfoot. Mr. Welander is returning to Norwich, England.

Mr. Jack Gibbons, St. John's College, Winnipeg, Mr. Victor Blake, Trinity College, Toronto, have been serving the parishes of Winfield and the Coal Branch. They return to their studies at the beginning of the term.

Miss Margaret Cording of the Anglican Women's Training College, Toronto, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary has been doing a valuable work at Drayton Valley.

All these students have made a most worthwhile contribution to the work of the Church in this Diocese and all report a very pleasant summer. Our best wishes go with them as they go back to their studies.

Among the many visitors to the Synod Office during the holiday period were the Reverend Gregory Lee, Editor of the "Anglican Outlook," the Reverend Cyril Clarke, Rector of Pincher Creek and formerly of this diocese and the Reverend John Scandrett of Ogema, Qu'Appelle.

Iunior Girls' Camp

About 46 junior girls attended the Camp at Kapasiwin under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Smith.

Great credit is due to the organizers for their well-planned and interesting programme. This included such activities as Bible study, swimming, hikes, outdoor games, handicraft and campfire programmes.

The high-light of the camp was the masquerade parade when, with only improvised costumes, the girls transformed themselves into Nell Gwynne, southern darkies and a trainer and elephant, and many other characters.

The girls were sorry when the time came to return home and expressed their keen desire to come again next year.

Gleanings from the Junior Girls' Camps:

The girls were asked to write a short essay on the subject of "What Camp has meant to me." We are glad to print the following efforts of three of the girls.

What Camp has meant to Me

Camp this year has meant a lot to me, Handicrafts to do and pictures to see; Dishes to wash, and learning to swim, And doing exercises from head to limb; Chapel every day to learn about Christ, Lots to eat and beets all diced, Nona can be a real swell peach When she takes us to the main beach. Peeling potatoes is really a chore, Especially when they're rotten right to the core.

When the day is done the lights go out, Everyone gets mad at that, no doubt! The end .(J.M.)

What Camp has meant to Me

The minute I arrived at Camp I knew I would enjoy every moment of my holiday. The friendliness of the other children and the beauty of nature made me sure of this fact.

At camp I have learned health habits, stories of the Bible, and how to eat. I must have gained about four pounds since I arrived here. While at camp I have improved my swimming. I now thoroughly believe and trust in God and Christianity.

I have learned, during my vacation at camp, how to grow in health and fellowship.

(N.M., age 10)

What Camp has meant to Me

When I first came to Camp I regarded Church and all that is associated with it as rather boring. Our first service was held on Thursday, the day we arrived. As we went into the Chapel I was feeling that I would go to sleep in the middle of the service.

Later on as Mr. Smith was telling us about the Saints in the proper sort of Church way (but in a way which we would understand) I took a new outlook on sermons, prayers, etc. The way he told us about the lives of the Saints was simple and plain, but it was by no means uninteresting. For the rest of the Camp I have always enjoyed the simple prayers and sermons. It is certainly the "Ideal Camp" for religious education.

Also on top of that the camp is wonderfully supervised and the handicrafts are lovely. (So is the teacher). This is Camp to me.

(P.F.)

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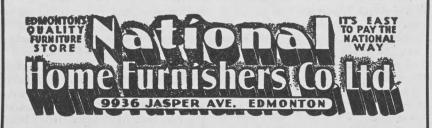
Senior Girls' Camp Proves Great Success

The Senior Girls' Camp sponsored by the Diocesan Board of Religious Education was held from August 3rd to 13th at Kapasiwin. Miss Arva Stewart (whose resignation as supervisor of girls' work in our section of the Canadian Church will be felt as a real loss by all those who have at heart the best interests of the Church programme for girls) directed the camp in a way that enlisted the loyalty and interest of the girls, and made recreation lead to renewal and rededication. Miss Audrey Sowerby assisted with Bible study, the making of Biblical posters, the interest group in photography, and struggled cheerfully through the headache provoking task of balancing the "tuck" account. Miss Nona Rogers was in charge of sports and swimming. Mrs. C. F. W. Goddard was Camp Mother, and directed the Choir. The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard was Chaplain.

We had an active program. Rising whistle blew at 7, and at 7:40 we gathered for Morning Ceremonial around the flagstaff and then on into the Chapel. "Behold our emblem, three crosses on one field, the red for courage, the white for purity, the blue for loyalty." On the Feast of the Transfiguration, on the Sunday in camp, and on two other mornings, we shared in Celebrations of the Holy Communion. In the evenings we offered either a shortened Evensong, or Compline. The Bible study course was based on the preparation for our Lord's Ministry, and followed the treatment of this theme found in the first part of "A People's Life of Christ," by Archdeacon Paterson-Smyth. The girls were divided into age groups for the lectures given by Miss Stewart. Miss Sowerby, and Mr. Goddard; and the teaching implemented by projects, the making of Christian rule of life sheets, Biblical murals and posters, and a "Christmas Crib."

Mornings and afternoons the campers took part in the interest groups of their choice—handicrafts, photography, tumbling, dramatics, choir, and the camp newspaper. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and hard work shown in these pursuits. One of the features of the camp was the swimming period, though somewhat marred this year by the frequent rain. The arrival of letters from home greeted with much joy by those who received them: but how very disappointed the girls were whose mothers didn't take time to write. One afternoon the campers hiked to a stream on the Indian Reserve: and there, divided into their fagging groups. lit their fires and roasted weiners, competed in nature study and woodcraft. The junior counsellors and fagging captains should be mentioned with a word of praise: their good work was an exercise in democracy. Campfires and evening programs were very much enjoyed, and the wonderful songs which were a feature of all our gatherings will remain a bright memory of those happy times. On the last evening we had a most entertaining banquet, after which moving pictures were shown; and finally the closing service, culminating by each one present adding her light to the Burning Cross of Faith. Those who watched the Sign in the darkness will see in it a reminder of the theme of the camp: "Am I on the Lord's side?"

Our sincere thanks must be said to Mr. Faulks for his cheerful and ubiquitous helpfulness; to the clergy and others who assisted with transportation, and by visiting and bringing others with them; and to Mr. H. P. Brown for his patience and courtesy in "taking our pictures."



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The Sunday School by Post and Radio

The Sunday School by Post has been operating in this diocese for many years with great efficiency. On Sunday January 11th last, its scope was extended when time was engaged on the air over CFRN and the Anglican Sunday School of the Air came into being. Since then regular religious instruction has been given over that station at 10.45 a.m.

The lessons taught have been those which correspond with the Sunday School by Post lesson papers. We have made every effort to present the material in as interesting a way as possible, and are indebted to many for their help with the dramatised stories, also to the Junior Choirs who have helped us with the music.

From the large number of letters received we have every reason to believe that this new venture has been well received, and that it is proving of real value to so many who are living in isolated places away from the Church and Sunday School.

We are not allowed to appeal for financial help over the air, but in spite of this we are encouraged by the many Sunday Schools, W.A's., Churches and individuals who have taken it upon themselves to sponsor one or more broadcasts. To date every broadcast has ben covered in this way. We cannot stay on the air unless we have an assured income of \$15.00 a Sunday. We have every confidence that future programmes will be sponsored as in the past, and do appeal to all individuals and organised congregations for their continued help.

On Sunday, September 12th, we shall commence the series of lessons for the present school year. These will again be based on the Sunday School by Post lesson papers. Application for these papers should be sent to Miss L. Camp, Seba Beach, Alberta. When writing, please state the age of those needing papers.

We are most anxious that your children should receive regular religious instruction, and appeal to you to encourage them to listen to the broadcast every Sunday CFRN, 10.45 a.m., and to apply for membership in the Sunday School by Post and Radio.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Almighty God, the giver of all things, send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church throughout this Diocese; the Bishop, the Clergy, all Lay Workers, and all who belong to the Fellowship of Christ's Flock, and especially

May Thy Fatherly Hand ever be over us, and may Thy Holy Spirit guide us in our work, that Thy name may be ever glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sept. 12th

The Bishop of Edmonton, at present on his way home after the Lambeth and Amsterdam conferences.

Sept. 19th

The Parish of Edgerton, and the Rev. W. D. Ellway.

Sept. 26th

The work of our Sunday Schools throughout the parish and Diocese, and all our Sunday School Teachers.

Oct. 3rd

St. Stephen's, Edmonton, with St. Matthew's, and the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff.

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Life Member

Mrs. H. J. Black, Hughenden.

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New Branches:

King Edward Afternoon Branch. Pleasant Valley (reorganized). These two branches are in the Parish of Vermilion.

Dorcas

Mrs. Hutt requests all donations of clothing for the girls at the Indian Residential School at Wabasca not later than the end of September. Please send to Mrs. A. E. Hutt, c/o Synod Office, 10029 103 Street, Edmonton.

Educational

The year's book, "One Family," Part II, is attractive. Will Presidents of all branches please plan to set aside a little time at regular meetings for the use of this book? And, do start in September.

The information concerning our overseas work is necessary if members are to become informed enough to have a wider vision. Moreover, it makes a meeting interesting if the Educational Secretary herself is interested and tries to make the presentation of the book attractive, say, with map, pictures, flannelgraph, curios, costumes, etc. Why not have a real try?

Fees and Pledges—Take Note!

Will all branches be good enough to send in their annual membership fee and the balance of their annual pledge as early this Fall as they conveniently can do so?

It is hoped that the Treasurer will not have to send a reminder to any branch.

Community Chest

Extra canvassers may be needed in October for some of the outlying districts. Who will offer? Mrs. H. F. Douglas, the W.A. convener, will be glad to hear from you. Her telephone number is 32197.

Dominion W.A. Annual

Dates: Sept. 28th, 29th and 30th. Place: Toronto, at St. Paul's Church, and the Maurice Cody Hall.

Mrs. F. C. Young, Diocesan Living Message Secretary, will be the delegate.

The Girls' Study Book, "Wei and Ku," was used at the G.A. Camp and Miss Stewart says that the girls gave a very fine demonstration of a Chinese Wedding at one of the Evening Camp Fires.

Appreciation

Early this year the W.A. Board were invited to find leaders and other personnel for the G.A. and T.A. Camps at Kapasiwin. At first this seemed an impossible task, but now on looking back we realize that what seemed a task became a great privilege. And this is the opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the following people for their excellent leadership and Christian example to over 100 teen age and younger girls.

To Junior Girls' Camp Leaders:

Rev. F. E. Smith, Chaplain (Wainwright).

Mrs. F. E. Smith, Nurse.

Mrs. G. Wilson, St. Faith's, Handicraft.

Miss M. Cording, Drayton Valley, Junior Knowledge.

Miss Nona Rogers, Swimming.

To G.A. Camp Leaders:

Miss A. Stewart, Directress.

Miss M. Sowerby, Photography, etc. The Rev. C. W. Goddard, Camrose, Chaplain.

Mrs. C. W. Goddard, Music.

Miss N. Rogers, Waterfront.

DEANERY ANNUALS

These have come and gone for another year — Wetaskiwin, Vermilion, Wainwright and Pembina. Each had its own merits and interests.

It was encouraging to hear many branches report interest in the Study Book and the "Living Message," and the World Day of Prayer and St. Andrew's Day Observance. Several rural branches are honouring some of their members with Life Membership.

The "day" gathers in the branches—almost 100 per cent representation except in Pembina Deanery, but Pembina had as large a meeting. The reason was that Drayton Valley attended in a body, even though it meant a 20-mile bus ride to the highway, then a longer ride to Kapasiwin corner, then a 2-mile hike to Kapasiwin camp. And several mothers brought their children. **Meetings**

The evening meeting of the Diocesan Board will likely be held in All Saints' Parish Hall about the middle of October.

The all-day Fall Board Meeting will therefore have to come about a month later. The date and speakers will be announced in the two local papers.

The Annual Life Members' Tea will be held at St. Catherine's Residence on Thursday, September 23rd.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WAINWRIGHT DEANERY W.A.

A very successful annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary for the Deanery of Wainwright was held in Tofield on Tuesday, June 22nd.

The conference opened with Corporate Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church at 11:30 a.m. The celebrant was the Rev. E. N. P. Orme, Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Ellway, Vicar of Edgerton.

Lunch and afternoon sessions were held in the Memorial Hall with some forty delegates registering from points in the Deanery. The following points were represented: Edgerton, Heath, Battle Heights, Wainwright, Irma, Rodino, Lindbrook, and Tofield. The following Edmonton Diocesan Officers were present: Mrs. S. F. Tackabery, Diocesan President; Mrs. W. Hammett.

Candidates' Secretary; Mrs. C. Harris, Treasurer; Mrs. L. Doberts, Thankoffering Secretary; Mrs. L. D. Moore, Educational Secretary, and Mrs. H. Cole, Missionary Secretary. The reports from the various branches in the Deanery were very encouraging and the individual addresses by the Diocesan Officers and discussions were very worthwhile and profitable.

Afternoon tea was served by the Tofield branch of the W.A. The conferense was under the presidency of Mrs. H. Borden, with Miss L. Baptist as Secretary.

The officers elected for the coming year were. Honorary President, Mrs. H. Borden, Tofield; President, Mrs. Kington, Edgerton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Withnell, Heath; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Thurston, Irma; and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. Patterson, Heath.

The Deanery Conference concluded with Evensong conducted by the Rev. W. D. Ellway.

The Annual Meeting of the 1949 W.A. Wainwright Deanery will be held in June at Irma.

PEMBINA DEANERY W.A. MEETING

The sixth annual meeting of the Pembina Deanery W.A. Branches was held at Kapasiwin Camp on June 23rd. Holy Communion was celebrated by Canon J. C. Matthews.

The business meeting opened at 2 p.m. with prayers by the Rev. R. S. Faulks. He welcomed delegates and guests to the camp, giving a brief account of work done and planned, and inviting visitors to walk around and get acquainted with the institution.

Mrs. Parker, of Onoway, welcomed delegates and guests. Miss H. Whittaker, of Barrhead, replied.

Only four branches answered the roll call: Drayton Valley (13), Onoway (3), Seba (7), and Barrhead (3). Reports of the year's activities were presented. Reports were received later from Jasper (Evening Group) and from Edson. We regretted their absence from the meeting.

We were privileged to have with us our Diocesan President, Mrs. F. S.

Tackaberry, and several mmebers of the Board who spoke of their particular departments. Mrs. E. Davey and Mrs. C. R. W. Mager, the two Diocesan delegates to the Leaders' Conference in Saskatoon, gave most interesting reports. From Miss Margaret Cording we received first-hand information about the Anglican Woman's Training College in Toronto. What a wonderful opportunity for those who hear the call, and what a tremendous responsibility upon church women!

The President, Mrs. E. G. Hooper, in her address stressed the importance of using the Living Message, a link between us and our Missionaries at home and abroad. Mrs. Hooper read a letter from Miss Neville of Hay River Mission Hospital which aroused keen interest. It was decided that our project for next year would be comforts for Hay River Hospital.

Louise Hooper delighted us with a flannelgraph. We shall follow Louise's course with great interest.

Contributions to Social Service filled two large cartons.

Mrs. Tackaberry took the chair during election of officers. The following will serve for 1948-49: President, Mrs. E. G. Hooper, Barrhead; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Herndon, Drayton Valley; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Parker, Onoway; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. R. Warren ,Seba.

The next Deanery Meeting is to be held at Kapasiwin on the first Wednesday in June, 1949.

The funds (\$10.00) were allocated to A.W.T.C. and Kapasiwin Camp Furnishings.

The Rev. R. S. Faulks closed the meeting, and tea was served. Several cars conveyed the Drayton Valley members to the highway to meet the bus. It was an enjoyable, happy day. Absentee branches, how about next year? We would like to meet you all at our family gathering!

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ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell The Rev. H. W. Buchner

Two busy months have passed since our last bulletin and many of the congregation have been enjoying a well earned vacation. The Dean and his family have motored to the West Coast and by the time of publication will be back and hard at work again.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Tims have been enjoying a vacation at their cottage at Alberta Beach. While Mr. Tims has been away, Mr. Glen Warring has kindly taken care of the verger's Sun-

day duties at the Cathedral.

Quite a large number of the children of the parish have been able to attend the camps at Camp Kapasiwin, and on the August weekend about ten of the A.Y.P.A. were able to get to the Annual A.Y. Camp where a very good time was had by all.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. starts its fall meetings on Tuesday, September 7th at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They are planning an Amateur

Evening for October 29th.

Baptisms: Derek Michael Mace; Ivan Korop; Jean Korop; Winona Louise Wetmore; Karen Patricia Ferguson; Beverley Eleanor Edwards; Victor Gerald Wylie; William Harcus Wylie; John Roston Phillips; Gail Olivia Drever; Marlene Loraine Hanson; Danny Bruce Astles; Kelby Susanne Cardy; Keltie Elaine Straughan; John Phare Puddicombe;

Leonard John Mader.

Marriages: Peter Farmston , Phyllis Haight; Gerard Lavallee, Marguerite Jones; William Clouston, Helen Lamb; Howard Morter, Shirley Stewart-Irvine; Charles Climie, Gladys Goad; Gerhard Rempel, Lois Henry; Frederick Dobbing, Norah Richardson; Allan James, Thelma Todd; William Wall, Margaret Hall; Leo Hedberg, Jessie Cowling; Eric Davies, Miriam Wilkinson; Joseph Baur, Kathleen Robinson; Colin Fraser, Russel Kent; John Messum, Idell Mahaffey; George Dixon, Olga Kotyk; Gordon Edmonds, Vera Herbert; Robert Buchan, Magdalena Wendling.

Funerals: Edgar Terry, Thomas Leslie Harrison (Tomahawk); Ernest Manders; Fay Larson (Spurfield); Thomas Gibbons (Emmanuel Church, Gibbons).

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During the Rector's absence, services were conducted by the Rev. A. M. Thomson of Taber, Alberta, and by the Rev. G. W. Wilson of St. Faith's. There have been many expressions of appreciation of their ministrations, and we wish to thank them very much for their generous help.

The Parish Hall is making steady

progress in spite of some difficulties of supply. Now that all the steel is here we shall hope for good progress, and the early completion of the lower

storey.

The Parish Calendar has met with a wonderful response, thanks to Miss Ellis and Miss Joudrey who have worked untiringly. About five hundred names have been recorded so far.

The end of the holidays will see all organizations meeting once again. Sunday school will re-open on Sept. 12th. unless the polio epidemic prevents children's gatherings. We wish each organization every success for the fall

> ST. FAITH'S The Rev. L. M. Watts The Rev. G. W. Wilson

At the June Board Meeting, the afternoon W.A. presented Mrs. Hargreaves with a Life Membership, the fee being donated to the Kapasiwin Camp Fund. A Hymn and Prayer Book is to be placed in the church in memory of Mrs. Williams, first president of St. Faith's W.A., formed in 1910. A most successful tea was held at the home of Mrs. D. R. W. Mason, R.C.M.P. Barracks. The proceeds will go to the special appeal fund made by the Dorcas Department for hospital supplies for the Obuse Sanitarium, Japan. The Little Helpers' Rally was well attended and most enjoyable, thanks to Mrs. Palmer's untiring efforts. Mrs. Neeley, Diocesan Little Helpers' Secretary, could only attend for a short time, so her message was read to the rally by Mrs. Palmer. The tea held in the Empire Room was well attended, and members thank Mrs. Farmilo and her committee for an enjoyable affair. Fall meetings will resume September 8th.

The Sanctuary Guild members were glad to have Mrs. Mutter back in her accustomed place after her recent ill-

Congratulations are extended to the Junior W.A., Girls' Auxiliary members and to their leaders, on their marvelous showing at the Festival reported in a previous issue of the "Churchman."

Evening Group members donated enough packaged foods for a twenty pound parcel for Britain. Members catered for, and served at a wedding reception late in June. A rummage sale was well worth the effort. Mrs. R. Smith entertained the group at a "Stunt Night" at her home on the last meeting night of the spring season. Fall meetings will commence early in September.

A.Y.P.A. members were most active, meetings continuing through July with several work nights being held. To finish the season a party was enjoyed

at the home of Dave Cleveley.

ST. LUKE'S, EDMONTON Corner 90th St. & 88th Ave. The Rev. Canon A. Wallis

W.A.—On Monday, June 21st, the Evening branch of the St. Luke's W.A. met in the Vicarage for their Devotional Meeting. Being the last meeting before "FOOTHILLS"

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the summer recess, the Vicar, on behalf of the members presented the President, Mrs. R. W. Ritchie with a parting gift, expressing deep regret at the loss of so staunch and faithful a

worker from the parish.

On Sunday, June 27th, after Evensong, the congregation bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ritchie and family, and the Vicar, on behalf of the members of St. Luke's Parish presented them with a cheque, expressing the hope that 'Bob' would be benefitted physically in the different climate, and that they would all be very happy in their new parish in Victoria.

Sunday School—Saturday, June 26th was the day of the Sunday School Picnic at Borden Park, but not so many children were in attendance as we had anticipated. However, all had an enjoyable time, and our thanks are due to the Supt. and teachers for the lemonade, candies and peanuts.

Services—We are deeply indebted to Mr. J. G. Baker (of Bittern Lake), and Mr. L. D. Byrne of Edmonton, for officiating at the Services during the

Vicar's absence on holiday.

Altar Guild—The members of the Altar Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. F. Clark are to be complimented on their work. For the past few months they have not only attended to the needs of the Sanctuary, but have kept the whole Church spotlessly clean, and the congregation is indeed deeply grateful.

W.A. Sale—The Tea, Sale of Fancywork, Home-cooking, Candy etc., was held on Thursday, June 17th and was fairly well patronized. The display table of the Dorcas work drew quite a little attention. It gave us a great deal of pleasure to have a faithful worker of St. Luke's visit us from the Coast. Mrs. Fazackerley (Sr.) is an old member, and we are always pleased to welcome these early builders of the parish for a visit.

By the time these notes are in print, the organizations will all be getting "under way" again. We hope that all have had a very healthful holiday, and that God's blessing will rest upon our endeavours during the 1948-49 season. Don't wait to be asked to belong—

Come !!!

Baptisms: June20th, Pamela Lynne Duptchak; Susan Gaye Holroyd; Janet Elizabeth Nolt; August 1st: Doreen Joan Gale; Daniel Rainey Dumigan.

Marriages: June 25th ,Richard Carlyle Martin and Eunice Abraham; July 2nd, Duane Laurel Gibbon and Mary Farmes Campbell.

Burial: August 9th, Elizabeth Caroline Dawson of Looma, Alberta.

ST. MARK'S The Rev. A. Elliott

Through the kindness of the Rector of the Cathedral and of St. Faith's all the services at St. Mark's were held as usual during the vacation of the Rector. We are all grateful to Dean Trendell, to the Rev. W. H. Buchner and Mr. Byrne of the Cathedral and to

the Rev. L. M. Watts and the Rev. G. Wilson for the assistance they gave during the month of June.

Most of our people have been away during July and August and are now returning to work. Morning Services have been well attended through the summer though we would always like to see a larger congregation on Sunday evenings.

Baptisms: Recent Baptisms include the names of Stanley Eric Dunwald, Francis Edward Ripley, John Edmund Townson, Barbara-Ann Byar, Bruce Robert Wood and Carol Lee Seabrook.

We were sorry to hear of the sickness of Mr. W. H. White but are very glad to see him now steadily recovering.

Has anyone of St. Mark's thought of some worthy and fitting memorial to those of our church who took part in the wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 and of those who gave their lives in the service of their country. We have heard no mention yet of what we can do but there is some probability of a suitable remembrance that we can undertake to keep the memory of those men always with us. Have you an idea of what should be done?

ST. PAUL'S 145th St. and 102nd Ave. The Rev. G. D. Kelly

The Rev. C. J. Brown and his family occupied the rectory for a month, from the middle of July. During that time he took the services here and at St. John's. Our sincere thanks to him and to Mr. L. D. Byrne who also took two morning services for us.

With summer almost over the various organizations will be starting up with renewed vigour in the near future. Dates and times will be announced on

Sundays.

ST. PÉTER'S AND GOOD SHEPHERD The Rev. R. S. Faulks

We hope you all had a pleasant summer, and feel fit for the busy round of the winter affairs. It is expected that the Sunday Schools in both parishes will get under way at the accustomed hours on the 12th of September, unless day schools are kept closed to a later date. In that case the Sunday Schools will open on the Sunday following the opening of day school.

Mr. Exham, Major Wilkes and the Rev. F. E. Smith have helped with the services in our parishes during the summer, and their assistance has been very much appreciated by both the Rector and the Parishioners.

Let us determine to make the forthcoming season a banner one in every way, in attendance at Church, in Christian living, in enthusiasm for all the work through the various organizations. Only so can we really enjoy our work, and make a worthy witness to Our Lord and His gracious Gospel.

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BON ACCORD

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

The W.A. sponsored a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. J. B. Milligan, June 23rd in honor of Miss Alice Porter of Keephills, Alberta, a bride-elect of the near future. About 40 guests were present to honour Miss Porter who has taught school here for

the past 2 years.

Our rector has been on holidays for the past month so Sunday, Aug. 1st a joint service was held at Gibbons conducted by the Rev. A. Elliott of St. Mark's, Edmonton. Gibbons W.A. served delicious refreshments following the service to some 54 persons. Aug. 8th we had no service and Aug. 15th our service was conducted by the Rev. R. Faulks of St. Peter's, Edmonton, assisted by Mr. J. Gibbons.

Holy Baptism: Theodore Albert Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Christensen. A reception to immediate relatives and friends was held following

the service.

On Sunday, July 18th, the Rev. H. Jones of Victoria, B.C. visited our parish.

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

Clean up day for the church grounds resulted in a great improvement in appearance, sickles, scythes, hoes and shovels did great execution. We hope to have a first aid attendant next year to mend cut knuckles and bruised shins.

The Garden Party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons proved to be an enjoyable event, although from a financial standpoint the returns were not commensurate with the labour involved. The site was ideal and the food most excellent, but the guests were few and the highways and hedges were not prospected.

We had the great pleasure of greeting the Rev. H. Jones who together with the Rector took our regular service last Sunday. Mr. Jones has a parish adjacent to Victoria, B.C. and is now

on holiday.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GRANDE CENTRE

Lay Reader H. J. Ayres

We were only able to have services on one Sunday in the month of June, Sunday, June 13th. Services were recommenced by Evensong on Sunday, July 11th both these services were taken by Mr. Ayres.

Father Frith from the Community of Sorrento, B.C. reached us on Friday, July 23rd, and administered Holy Communion twice at Grande Centre on Sunday, July 25th. We are very glad indeed to again welcome him to our district, and to once more have the benefits of the Holy Sacraments and Pastoral visist.

Further services are planned by Father Frith for Rife and other places. To those who are interested and love our church, it is very encouraging to find that through the work of visiting Priests, Anglican families and others many miles from Grande Centre are now

receiving Pastoral visits, and in some places the Blessed Sacrament. Many of these families up until quite recently had not been able to receive the Sacrament or even to see a Priest of our Communion. We hope that before long some of these families will find if possible to come occasionally to the services held in the church at Grand Centre.

The Church Annual Picnic and Tournament was held on the Recreation ground on Wednesday, July 21st, drawing the usual crowds. The proceeds from the picnic went entirely to the Recreation Committee to help cover heavy outstanding amount which still exists for the purchase of additional grounds and the building of the hall.

It is expected that Father Frith will be in the district until about the middle of August. No further services will be possible after he goes until probably November. It is just possible that Father Lockyer may be able to visit for perhaps one Sunday in October. Mr. Ayres hopes to return early in November to conduct services and be present for the Guild Armistice dinner and sale.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

Services of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion were held at Rife on August 8th by the Rev. L. E. C. Frith, S.S. J.E., from Sorento, B.C. In spite of threatening weather, there was a good congregation, some of whom had come from Bonnyville and St. Paul.

Holy Baptism: August 8th, Bernard John Navrot, son of Francis John and Ellen Navrot. August 9th, Corinne Bonnie Arnfinson, daughter of Sigfus Franklin and Tresa Arnfinson.



Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

The Little Helpers' Annual Service was held on Saturday, June 19th in the church. The large attendance at this service set a record in the history of the Parish. After the service the Little Helpers with their mothers proceeded to the home of Mrs. C. Pickrell for their annual picnic. Mrs. Pickrell deserves heartly congratulations for the efficient way in which she is carrying out this most important branch of the church's work.

On Sunday, June 27th, St. Mary's church was filled to capacity when the Sunday School pupils together with their parents attended the service at which Miss Hilda Whittaker, the President of the W.A. assisted the Vicar in the presentation of Sunday School badges. Several boys and girls were also presented with certificates of merit for attendance and progress. Sunday School was cancelled during the holiday season but will be resumed in September. Another feature of the Service was the presentation of a W.A. Life Membership to Mrs. Oscar Brown and again the Vicar asked Miss Whittaker, as President of the W.A. to present Mrs. Brown with the Life Membership badge. It was a most impressive ceremony, and an honour was thus bestowed upon one who was most worthy of it. It should also be mentioned that for this memorable occasion, and on the eve of his departure from Barrhead, Mr. Oscar Brown played the organ. As a final gesture of the high esteem in which the congregation held this family and out of sincere appreciation for the splendid work which they did in establishing the work of the church in this community, the congregation gathered in the exquisite grounds with their charming rustic setting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hooper when the Vicar in words of high praise presented Mr. Oscar Brown with a prayer and Hymn

The monthly meeting of the W.A. was held on August 3rd at the home of Mrs. Olson with eight members present. A report of the June sale was given and the matter of improvements to the church discussed. It was decided to give a cash donation to the Flood Fund, and to a family in the district whose home and belongings were destroyed by fire.

Holy Baptism: On July 30th, Lawrence Edward Bennett, Ronald Albert Bennett, Kathleen Joyce Bennett, Robert John Bennett, Elsie Margaret Bennett, Arthur Henry Bennett.

Holy Matrimony: Donald Reginald Hobart of Clyde and June Florence Meyer of Barrhead on July 1st.

Aino John Carlson of Freedom and Vera Geraldine Donnelly of Freedom on July 22nd. ST. PHILLIPS', WESTLOCK

Holy Matrimony: Robert John Walker of Highridge and Lucy Lily Busby of Manola on July 29th.

ST. STEPHEN'S, SUNNYBANK
Holy Baptism: Raymond Douglas
Busby on July 11th.

ST. LUKE'S, CLYDE

Holy Baptism: Bryan Arthur Turner on June 13th.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon
The Sunday School closed for the summer with a special service on the morning of June 27th. Dorothy Peterson and Donna Lee Sullivan were presented with prizes for their success in G.B.R.E. Examinations. Dorothy has again been awarded a special prize by the Religious Tract Society for her high mark in these examinations. Certificates of promotion and merit were presented to the other members of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, September 12th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Will parents please

note the time and date.

The Junior Branch of the W.A. had a social time at their last meeting of the 1947-48 session which was held on June 23rd, and Primrose Heckley was presented with a gift by the girls as member with longest standing.

The E.B.W.A. met on July 5th and packed the Dorcas Bale, and also finished the quilts. Much credit is due to Mrs. Stan Curry, Dorcas Secretary

for her work in this respect.

The Bryant Memorial Window was completed early in July, and is a very fine specimen of the work of the Robert McCausland Company of Toronto. It is in memory of Franklyn Nolan (Buck) Bryant and has been erected by his family. The theme of the window is Sir Galahad incorporating the great ideal of "Blessed are the pure in heart." It is hoped to have the window dedicated by the Bishop when he next visits Jasper.

Holy Baptism: July 8th, David Francis Brown, July 29th, Dianna Johanna Wachter; Aug. 14th, Gregory Vernon Koher; Aug. 14th, Robert Ernest Albert

Lewis.

Holy Matrimony: On July 10th, Stanley Ernest Lewis to Gertrude Catherine Dawson, both of Dunster, B.C.

DRAYTON VALLEY

Our W.A. decided to have a good cleaning day at the Mission. We arrived prepared for work and we really cleaned things up. Mrs. P. Anderson served a lovely lunch with the help of some of the members. Then to our surprise, who should arrive but Mr. Buchner and Miss Cording. Miss Cording had come to take over the services for the summer and to keep the club work

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going. Were we ever glad of the clean-

ing we had done!

We were glad to have Miss Cording come to us and wish to thank those who sent her, knowing our great need of a worker at this time. Our three club groups are going again and the Confirmation class is doing well.

June 5th, the W.A. was asked by the A.T.A. here to serve lunch on the School Track Meet. June 16th we had another clean-up day when the whole community took part in cleaning the cemetery. Tea and coffee was served to the workers by the W.A.

June 17th, we were again asked to help with the A.F.U. rally and received a donation from that organization.

June 23rd, the W.A. was well represented at the Pembina Deanery by 13 members. We left the Valley by bus and after our arrival at Kapasiwin enjoyed very much the Holy Communion Service conducted by Canon Matthews.

Mr. Buchner came again June 27th, and services were held at Drayton Valley, Easyford in the afternoon and in Pembina in the evening. We are always glad to see Mr. Buchner arrive and the children will probably plan for another party on his next visit.

Throughout the summer months, Miss Cording has been working very hard in the Valley with the various organ-izations and the regular Sunday services. Also there have been regular services at Easyford and Pembina. Miss Cording and her horse, "Lady," have been doing a good deal of visiting about the country. A number of the girls were able to be along to the Junior Girls' Camp, where Miss Cording also acted as a leader.

ALL SAINTS, SEBA BEACH

Regular services have been held every Sunday during July and August, with Matins and sermon and Holy Communion alternate Sundays at 11 a.m. We hope our people will avail themselves of this opportunity while staying at Seba for their holidays. The Ven. S. F. Tackaberry, D.D.,

has been conducting the service's.

W.A. NOTES

The W.A. bazaar and sale of home cooking was held in the Community Hall, July 21st, was well patronized and, as usual, a great success. The J.W.A. had a table of articles they had made; also home cooking.

At our July meeting, Nurse Neville's

needs were discussed and we plan to send a parcel to her in September. A tea is to be held on August 11th in the home of Mrs. Bunting. Shoe money and Dorcas Work has been sent in; also U.Y. boxes.

August 1st, the Ven. Archdeacon

Tackaberry conducted a very impressive Dedication Service for all the wonderful gifts our church has received. There was a good congregation and our services have been well attended.

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

Last month, mention was omitted of the Sunday School picnic, in the charge of Mr. F. Wilson, Miss K. Barber and Mr. B. West. Much credit is due to the teachers of our Sunday School for carrying on its activities regularly in the absence of a Rector.

On the 27th of June, Miss L. Bryer, formerly of the Zenana Mission in China, who was visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. E. Worton, in Edson, gave a talk on China at the evening service. She also gave a little talk on Monday afternoon, when the W.A. gathered to meet her at the home of Mrs. Buck. Her visit was of great interest and pleasure to us all.

The funeral of the late John Walker took place on the 28th of June, Canon Clough officiating. The sympathy of the parish goes out to his wife, having no family to share her loss. Mr. Walker had been ill for years, and Mrs. Walker, herself a semi-invalid, had proved herself a most devoted nurse.

Baptisms-William Mahon, April 25, 1948; Elizabeth Mary Suter, June 13, 1948.

A wedding of great interest to this parish took place on July 3rd, when Norah Olive Richardson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richardson, became the bride of Frederick Henry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dobing, in All Saints' Cathedral, with Rev. H. W. Buchner officiating. Miss Elsie Richardson acted as bridesmaid and Mr. William Dobing as best man. All good wishes go from this parish to the young couple for future happiness.

In another effort toward the Rectory renovation, the ladies of the W.A. looked after a booth at the baseball park on July 1st. This project entailed some really hard and continuous work for some of the members-besides baking over a hundred pies the day before

-but was very successful.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

PARISH NOTES FROM WILBERFORCE

The Rev. V. P. Coles

We were privileged to have Camp, Secretary Sunday School by Post, for her routine visit to our district.

While making her calls, Miss Camp stressed the importance of Religious Education in the Home. A number of children were enrolled.

We feel her Christian example and endeavors are most gratifying and are looking forward to a return visit.

Our first Little Helpers' Rally took the form of a picnic. Mite boxes were distributed, whih seemed to delight the children very much.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. W. Davies, Little Helpers' Secretary, and Mrs. H. Milburn, along with other W.A. members, for making the Rally such a delightful event for the children.

On August 5, our regular W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. E. Elliott. Miss Bury's report for the annual meeting of Vermilion Deanery W.A. was read and discussed. The remainder of our meeting was allotted to plans for the bazaar and tea to be held

in Minburn, August 28th.

Due to our Vicar's appointment as a leader of Senior Boys' Camp our next Church service will be on Sunday,

August 29th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Rev. V. P. Cole has arranged for every oher service to be held at

increased

3 o'clock p.m. to oblige those who feel they can't attend the 11 a.m. services. Under this new arrangement it is hoped our church attendance will be

Thanks to the W.A. members responsible for the new Altar and Lectern cloth, which have helped so much to transform our school house into a place of worship.

A notice to those who have failed to send their subscription fees for the Edmonton Churchman. Please send them immediately to Mrs. H. Milburn as the book work has to be completed.

Holy Matrimony: Gladys Joyce Mapstone to Herbert Frank Gilbert. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. V. P. Cole in Christ Church, Manville on August 6th.



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ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

During the last two months service has been held fairly regularly. We now have one service a month at eleven o'clock in the morning and one in the afternoon. We celebrate Holy Communion at the morning service. The new time arrangement seems to suit very well. One vestry meeting was held.

During July and August the W.A. has been active as usual. A very successful bazaar was held in July which augmented our almost depleted funds. We would like to thank everybody who in any way helped to make the bazaar

the success it was.

Two food parcels have been sent to England, one to our associate member and one to an active member visiting the Old Country. Both of these parcels were very welcome. The Little Helpers' picnic has been postponed until the polio epidemic has been checked but it is expected to take place later in the fall.

Mr. Frank Saint, 29 of Chailey was laid to rest on Aug. 11 in Chailey

churchyard.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, VEGREVILLE

The Rev. H. G. Brant At the end of June the whole Parish met at Elk Island park, it was a Sunday, and we enjoyed a parochial pic-nic. About 11.50 a.m. Matins were said and then everyone retired to the picnic grounds for lunch. After lunch there was no organized timetable but everyone enjoyed himself either by swimming, boating, sunning, (it was a beautiful sunny day!) or just chatting. The children, of course, spent the afternoon on the beach. At 4.00 p.m. Vespers were said because some had to leave early in order to do the chores. The rest stayed until evening. It was, truly, a happy day which will long be remembered by all.

The Vicar expects to take his holidays during September and during his absence the Services in St. Mary's will be conducted by our Lay-Reader, Mr. Bennett.

The Vicar, with the assistance of the Rev. Hart Cantelon of the United Church, conducted an Anglican Funeral for the late Mrs. Holden in July. The Funeral, for reasons of space, was held in the United Church with a joint choir at the request of Mr. Holden. We, here, wish to express our sympathy to Mr. Holden on the occasion of his sad bereavement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gafka,

a son. Congratulations!

Baptism: Robert Charles McGowan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mc-Gowan on August 3rd.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

Mr. D. Wellander has been conducting our services on Sundays, with good attendances. We have enjoyed his sermons very much.
On July 4th, the Rev. T. Teape came

for Baptism and Holy Communion.

The babies Christened were: Helen Jane Kruze, Douglas Edward, Margaret Emma and Eileen Parkin; Ronald Gordon Patter; Peter Stanley Mason.
The W.A. meeting was held on July

8th at the home of Mrs. Finlin with eight members and one visitor present.

We arranged for our first parcel to be sent to the Indian children. After business was concluded Mrs. Finlin served a delicious lunch which all enjoyed.

BLACKFOOT

Mr. David Welander (Student Minister for this summer from England) held services here May 23rd, June 6th and

The Rev. T. W. Teape from Vermilion held Communion Service July 4th with a good attendance. Randal Larry Bysouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bysouth was baptized.

We regret the passing away at New Westminster, B.C., of Mrs. Gilbert Howes, formerly of Blackfoot, who had been a faithful worker for our church. month of June donated items towards a food parcel to be sent to a clergyman's family in England. Recently on July 20th a letter was received from Mrs. Vera Woolcombe on behalf of the Rev. J. V. Woolcombe of the Church of S. Jerome Dawley, Hillingdon, Middlesex, England acknowledging the receipt of the parcel. Mr. Woolcombe was very ill in hospital and his wife and son were most grateful for the gift.

Baptisms: July 4th, Conrad Lervy

Rose (at Lindbrook).

Holy Matrimony: July, at Ryley United Church, Edward William Lyons to Muriel Beryl Willans, the Rev. E. N. B. Orme officiated.

At the time of writing we understand that Mr. G. Holmes of the Bank of Montreal will be moving to Vegreville. Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes and children. Marilyn and Brian accompany them to their new home. Marilyn and Brian attended Sunday school faithfully for the past six years and also were former Little Helpers. At present Marilyn is a Junior and member of the Junior Choir. Keep up the good work children. Mrs. Holmes has also been affiliated with the W.A. while Mr. Holmes has officiated at the organ during the past few years.

We would also like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Turner and children Merna and Ronnie who arrived here from

Clandonald early in August.

RODINO NOTES

On June 17 the W.A. held their meeting at Mrs. S. Daniels' with an attendance of 7 members and 2 visitors. The U.T.O. was collected for June making a total of \$4.91 for the year. This branch has made a subscription to the Living Message. Arrangements are in order for a Community Picnic at Camp Lake July 25th.

Mr. F. Nash presided as delegate at the Deanery meeting in Tofield. Mrs. Vandervaate responded to the

address of welcome.

Church services are being held in Rodino School, a few new faces appear-

ing in the congregation.

The Community mourns the passing of a faithful neighbor and friend, Mr. Lawrence Beckett. His death took place Sunday, July 18th after a somewhat lengthy illness. The Rev. E. N. P. Orme conducted the burial service in Viking July 22nd. Mr. Beckett had lived in this district since coming from England in

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HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD
The Rev. E. N. P. Orme
The Annual Rally Service for the Little Helpers' Branch of the W.A. was held in Holy Trinity Church on Sat., June 26th. The congregation numbered about thirty including Little Helpers and their parents. The usual form of service including the singing of suitable hymns and Little Helpers' Prayer was enjoyed, also a report by the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Robinson, who also read the Annual letter from the Diocesan Secretary of Little Helpers, Mrs. Neely, which stated how their offerings from the mite boxes were used last year. A short address was given by the Rev. E. N. P. Orme.

After the service all went out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson and enjoyed games and lunch outdoors on their spacious property.

The party broke up around supper time with many good wishes and thanks to their kind hosts and looking forward to a repetition in 1949. The mite box offerings were the largest ever received here, amounting to \$17.04.

The members of the W.A. during the



1929. He leaves to mourn, three grown children all of Rodino vicinity and

The Annual Camp Lake Picnic was quite a success, except that bathers found the day chilly, due to the rain

the previous day.

The Secretary of Rodino W.A. has resigned her duties and left with her husband, Mr. A. Beckett and children Erroyl and Christina for Medicine Hat, where they will take up new residence.

WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

The past few weeks have been sad ones in the Parish of Wainwright, for we have seen the departure of five members of the congregation. They were all real members inasmuch as they attended church, worked for the church and supported the church. The first to leave were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cheesewright, who have been transferred to the Bank of Montreal in Calgary. Mr. Cheesewright was a valued member of the Vestry and will be greatly missed in that capacity. Mrs. Cheesewright was a member of the Senior W.A. and also acted as leader of the Junior Auxiliary during the past year. She will be greatly missed by the girls, who gained a great deal under her capable leadership.

We were also sorry to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham and

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CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard Flowers were given for the Altar by Mr. and Mrs. Moorby of Willowdale in loving memory of their son.

The Young Married Women's Group of St. Andrew's Church sponsored a successful Bridal Pageant on the afternoon and evening of June 18th, in the parish hall. Wedding and trousseau gowns from 1848 to 1948 were modeled. to the delight of the audience. Mrs. Helen McGill was the commentator, describing the style and material of the dresses and giving interesting historical details. Mr. Rees Hugh provided appropriate music and accompanied Mrs. Goddard in her solos. The leader of the Group, Mrs. E. Pelan, at the end of the evening performance, presented Mrs. McGill with a corsage and gift. Models were Leita Bradley, Betty Groven, Bobby Hare, Grace Hope-Gill, Harriet King, Eleanor Lomas, Dorothy McNary, Vivian Olstad, Pearl Paton, Mattie Pelan, Betty Schmerski, Irene Stewart and Anne Stover. The pageant will be presented again in the fall by popular request.

The Parish Picnic was held on June 30th at Ross Flats. Children's races soft ball games, ice cream and basket lunches, all contributed to a very happy

afternoon.

The annual party and service of the Little Helpers was held in June. Thanks are due to the Secretary, Mrs. R. Burrows, and to the Young Married Group who entertained the children.

Mrs. Woodger. Mr. Graham was a member of the Vestry and in that sphere of work has been of great assistance during the many years which he has resided in the town of Wainwright.

Baptisms: Beverly Ann Uwing; Karen Priscilla April Girard; Samuel Paul Smith; Albert William Peterson; Gale Lynn Carr.

ST. MARY'S, IRMA

Services have been held regularly at St. Mary's, Irma, until our Vicar took his annual vacation and attended the Summer School. Congregations have been fairly good.

It is very gratifying to see the church repainted. The W.A. undertook the financing, while thanks are due to the members of the congregation and to our Vicar for their efforts in this con-

nection.

The members of the W.A. have had a busy time recently. They are few in numbers but full of enthusiasm. Early in the summer they catered to the members of the Irma Calf Club and provided a banquet for fifty members. Again on Aug. 5th, they catered to the local Masonic members and provided the banquet for sixty members attending their District meeting.

Church services will re-commence Aug. 22nd, and it is hoped that our Church attendances will continue good

throughout the fall months.

S. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

Our Rector has been away on his holidays but Mr. J. G. Baker, Layreader has ably carried on during his absence, holding services both here and in Cam-

This community was shocked to hear of the passing of Mrs. H. H. Peters, on Friday, Aug. 13th and sincerest sympathy is extended to her family.

A Vacation School was held at St. Dunstan's Church, from July 5th to July 9th. Sessions were held each morning from 9:30 to 11:30, except on Thursday, when the very welcome rain made it necessary to cancel that morning's activities. The leaders were Mrs. Robert Ochsner of Bittern Lake, Mrs. Leslie Paton, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. W. Goddard of Camrose.

Each morning began with a devotional service in Church. The aim of the religious teaching was to learn something more about Christian prayer. During the week the chlidren learned also to sing one new hymn, and sung grace before meals. The second half hour was spent by the senior group in making a model farm, under the direction of Mrs. Ochsner. This product of the school was on display in the community hall on the Bittern Lake sports day. During this time, the smaller children worked on coloring pictures and making serviette holders. The vacation school used the community hall through the kindness of the Wo-He-La Club.

WINFIELD MISSION

J. G. Gibbons, Student in Charge Winfield - Regular services have been held in Winfield since the last Sunday in May. There were two services a week until the end of July when those scheduled for other points such as Wenham Valley made this very difficult to continue. Now they are held as usual at 7:30 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday and every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Junior Choir meets every Wednesday and the Senior Choir meets for their many activities on the same day.

We have been very grateful for the visits of our Rural Dean, the Rev. F. A. Peake. We have ben able to receive our Communion three times during his two visits which means a great deal to us. There have been nine baptisms, the names to appear in next month's issue of the Churchman. Eight of these were baptised in the same service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowker were also welcome guests at the Mission House for a couple of days as were the parents of the Student, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. D. Gibbons. It was a joy to us all to see Mr. Bowker looking so well and he is assured of our prayers while he is in hospital during the coming months. They were both sorry they could not visit their many friends throughout the Mission but were pleased so many found time to drop in.

The last W.A. meeting for the summer months was held at the home of Mrs. A. Homan where a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. The first fall meeting will be held at Mrs. Grefe's in

September.

Your student has travelled by every conceivable method except aeroplane and dogsled during his stay with you. Thanks to Mrs. Atkinson of Wenham Valley, he now has a bicycle. Thanks also are due to many for rides, especially the people of Springdale, Bluff-ton district, Iola and Hoadley, the use of bicycles and especially to Mr. Melvyn Jones for the use of his horse, which if nothing else certainly gets one where he is going and in a hurry!

Breton-The most outstanding events of the year seem to be the Communion service and wedding of Miss Nina Buriss to Mr. Ed. Grzyb, who were married by Mr .Peake of Ponoka. Mrs. Grzyb and her bridesmaids looked lovely and the beautifully decorated Church in Breton held close to one hundred people. There is not space enough to recount what a delightful reception followed but this much can be said, that in Nina and Ed. we have a very happy couple whom we are proud to welcome into our midst in the Church.

Many thanks are due to our organist Miss Chapman and Miss Pierce, the United Church student who plays the organ for us during Miss Chapman's absence, and helps wherever she can. Mrs. Gilchrist is always present with flowers and Mr. Baynes has been very good in allowing Mr. Gibbon's to stay there while in Breton.